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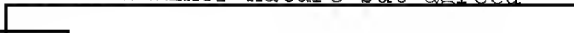
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: West Bank Refugees: PN 62.2358: Analyst, 




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2. Drafts of the study were made available to OCI, OER, and ONE. These offices made comments of a minor nature but agreed substantially with the text. 

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 agreed to the use of the following coordination statement.

"This memorandum was produced by CIA. It was prepared by the Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence and coordinated with the Offices of Current Intelligence and Economic Research. The Office of National Estimates concurs in its principal judgments."

3. A draft was also made available to several desk officers in the Department of State for informal coordination. Mr. Elias Barsoum, Office of the Geographer, directed the draft to Mr. Bass, NEA/ARN. Mr. Wiley, NEA/ARN; Mr. Paganelli, NEA/ARN; and Mr. Precht, NEA/IAI, also reviewed the text. These reviewers accused the analyst of passing along Israeli propaganda. Another comment read in part, "...the report is so long and so poorly organized that its bias is hardly discernible amidst the confusion of figures, etc. I doubt if it will be closely read, if read at all."

4. As a result of comments made by the Department, the text was given a thorough review in GD/OBGI. The wording of several sentences was revised to make doubly clear that no bias was intended. The second draft was then passed to the Department and, once again, the paper received a sniping type of review. The comments on the second draft are attached. They are not substantiated by documents in the possession of GD/N. The term "objective" as used by the Department raises a number of questions when placed in context with the type of comment penciled on the drafts.

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5. Chief, GD/OBGI, approved the text with minor changes. The study was again discussed with OER and ONE and again concurrence was received. The Director, OBGI, reviewed the paper and approved it subject to revision of two sentences. The changes were made and the study was released by GD/N for typing on 8 April 1968.

6. In a discussion of the attitude of the Department with , OER, he indicated that OER, also, has had a difficult time coordinating drafts with the Department. On three occasions since the June crises, the Department has refused to accept OER positions relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict. OER has consistently maintained that the positions presented are based on sound intelligence rather than policy bias. No substantial changes in text have been made as requested by the Department.

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Attachments: 1st and 2nd Drafts

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